

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 589

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Honorable Judge Alfred Ben Strand on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Alfred Ben Strand is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 47 years as a lawyer, judge, and professor; and

WHEREAS, Judge Strand received his Bachelor of Arts in 1962 from the Carson-Newman College, his Bachelor of Science in 1964 from the University of Tennessee, and his Juris Doctorate in 1967 from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in his own Private Practice from 1967 to 1975, served as a Circuit Court Judge from 1975 to 1976, and worked for the Strand & Goddard Law Firm from 1976 to 1999, during which time he was elected as a General Sessions Court Judge with Juvenile Court Jurisdiction in 1998, a position he will hold until his upcoming retirement; and

WHEREAS, he has educated the youth of Carson-Newman College as a Professor of Business Administration during the years of 1967 to 1971, 2000 to 2005, and in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Judge Strand will be taking a much deserved retirement on September 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Tennessee Bar Association, Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference, Tennessee Judicial Judges Conference, and the Jefferson County Bar Association, and lending his support to the Mountain View Youth Development Center and the Jefferson County High School Mock Trial Team; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Judge Alfred Ben Strand also contributes his time and numerous talents as a Deacon at the First Baptist Church in Dandridge, Tennessee and has served as the Commissioner for the Tennessee Criminal Justice Coordination Commission; and

WHEREAS, Judge Strand exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful public as well; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Judge Alfred Ben Strand has been recognized for his professionalism and talents as a judge and he has been awarded the "McCain-Abernathy Memorial Award", the "Community Patriot of the Year" award from Jefferson County High School, and, in the spirit of fun, the "Meanest Judge Award" by the Cocke/Jefferson Bar Association; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to the Honorable Judge Alfred Ben Strand our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.